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CAP EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

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find is defined as one involving downed aircraft or persons in distress. Normally a definite search objective must have been assigned, located, and positively identified. All other finds will be classified as non-distress, e.g., location of distress beacons accidentally activated. Credit towards find ribbons is only given to the aircrew and/or ground team that located the objective. More specific guidance for issuance of find ribbons can be found in CAPR 39-3, *Award of CAP Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates*.

1-26. Resource Protection. CAP units located in high crime areas or units involved in the location and identification of persons connected with illegal activities may face the possibility of aircraft and equipment sabotage. Unit commanders must determine local needs for security precautions and establish procedures that are appropriate for their particular location.

1-27. Prohibited Equipment. CAP is often offered equipment that is not appropriate to our mission, legal, or reasonable for our personnel to use because of the training time required for personnel to remain proficient.

a. Use of night vision devices by CAP personnel during any flight operations is prohibited. Representatives of other agencies (DEA, USFS, etc.) may use their own equipment. CAP ground resources may use night vision devices in support of SAR/DR operations while on foot. Use of night vision devices during motor vehicle operations is prohibited.

b. Firearms are prohibited for use or carry by CAP personnel during any emergency services operations. More specific guidance on CAP's firearms policy can be found in CAPR 900-3.

1-28. Technical or Specialized Operations. CAP often recruits personnel with specialized training or expertise that can be useful on emergency services missions. Though the training required to specialize in these areas is often too cost prohibitive or risky for most personnel to undertake, CAP can still utilize these resources.

a. CAP personnel with specialized training earned outside of CAP who would like to make these services available to CAP on missions will receive FTCA and FECA coverage just like any other member. Any additional liability coverage required to exercise these privileges is at the expense of the member. CAP personnel choosing to train to be useful in technical areas do so at their own risk.

b. Members wishing to utilize the training they have earned must have prior permission of the wing or region commander in writing outlining the limitations of its use. A copy of each letter of permission for these personnel will be faxed to the National Operations Center at (334) 953-4242 prior to these personnel being utilized operationally. Background training and documentation will be kept at the wing for each person given a letter of permission for these specialized operations.

c. Any special equipment or resources required for these personnel to exercise their privileges are furnished at their own expense and risk.

d. The following technical or specialized operations are considered acceptable and reasonable at present, but still require prior written approval:

- 1) High Angle or Mountain Rescue
- 2) Canine Search and Rescue
- 3) Mounted Search and Rescue
- 4) Radiological Monitoring
- 5) Urban Search and Rescue

Additional areas will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Questions on other areas should be addressed to the NHQ CAP/DOS at (334) 953-4225/4228.

e. Wing and region commanders should review the current letters of permission on file at least annually and revoke permissions as necessary. New wing and region commanders should review the current letters of permission as soon as is feasible after accepting command.

1-29. Critical Incident Stress. CAP personnel involved in SAR or DR missions can often be exposed to stressful situations.

a. Each Region will establish at least one Critical Incident Stress Team (CIST) as outlined in CAPR 60-5, *Critical Incident Stress Management*.

b. Wings should establish contact with their local emergency response organizations before a mission requiring support arises to determine the availability of trained support personnel that can assist them.

c. Incident commanders requiring critical incident stress support for their personnel should coordinate with their wing or region commander. If a local resource can not be found then contact the CAP National Operations Center Duty Officer at

d. 1-888-211-1812, 24 hours a day to request support.

e. More specific guidance for the CAP CIS program can be found in CAPR 60-5.

CHAPTER 2 – OPERATIONAL SPECIALTY RATINGS/PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

2-1. General. This chapter defines authorized CAP operational specialty ratings, qualification and training requirements, and minimum performance standards.

a. A CAPF 101, *Specialty Qualification Card*, or equivalent will not be issued to a member until the requirements specified in this regulation have been satisfied.

b. The training/qualification requirements of this chapter are the minimum required. Training should not stop with initial qualification since professional performance demands continuous training. Examples of continuation training programs available are: the AFRCC National SAR School Inland SAR Coordination Course, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) study courses, CAP and USAF training missions, National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) classes and training programs conducted by various state or local government agencies, etc.

c. Persons attaining a qualified status under this regulation who will be using CAP communications frequencies must obtain appropriate communications certification in accordance with CAPR 100-1, Volume I, *Communications*. Trainees do not need this certification when using these frequencies under the direction of a properly certified communicator.

d. Missions creditable toward training, qualification, and currency include:

1) Air Force authorized reimbursed missions.

2) Air Force authorized non-reimbursed missions.

3) Wing or unit training activities not designated as a USAF-assigned mission. The wing commander or designee (normally a member of the wing emergency services staff) must approve missions of this type in advance to be sure that training objectives have been satisfactorily established to justify mission credit.

e. NHQ CAP/DO must approve waivers of the specialty qualification training requirements specified in paragraph 2-3. Such waivers must be based on equivalent training received from other agencies and substantiated by appropriate documentation. Broad waivers for known equivalent training will be posted on the National Headquarters Website.

2-2. Documenting Specialty Qualifications. Authorization for CAP members to perform in an emergency services specialty is limited to personnel who have successfully completed the required training and satisfactorily demonstrated their ability to meet the performance standards for the particular specialty rating.

a. A CAPF 101T, *Specialty Qualification Training Card*, is issued by the unit commander (including approved emergency services school directors) to personnel training for the specialty rating qualifications listed in paragraph 2-3 except incident commander or agency liaison (see paragraph 2-2f). CAPFs 101T are only valid for a period of 2 years. After 2 years a new CAPF 101T must be issued. Personnel in training should retain CAPFs 101T with training certifications noted. Training to qualify in a specialty must be completed within 2 years. All training must be certified as complete by a qualified evaluator. Qualified evaluators are:

1) those who are current and qualified in the same operational specialty or higher, **and**

2) have completed emergency services Skills Evaluator Training (SET) and have been certified by their wing or region. Wing or region commanders or their designee(s) will be expected to note which qualifications an evaluator can certify, and how long they are allowed to do so. Wing and region commanders or their designee(s) will be required to re-certify evaluators and their specific qualifications every 2 years. Personnel having completed the Emergency Services Curriculum Project (ESCP) Train-The-Trainer (TTT) prior to 16 August 2002 have already completed SET training, and need only be certified by their wing or region to continue evaluating training. SET is available online at: <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/es/tests.html> as well as through local courses administered by the region/wing operations and emergency services staff. Graduates of this program and their specific qualifications are tracked at the national level, and graduate status can be checked online at: <https://data.ntc.cap.gov/ntc/ops/dl/setgrads.cfm>.

b. Personnel holding a valid CAPF 101T can still participate in training or actual missions as allowed on their CAPF 101T under qualified supervisors (those who are current and qualified in the same operational specialty or higher specialties). If the supervisor does not meet the requirements of paragraph 2-2a, the trainee WILL NOT receive credit for training towards qualification.

c. A copy of the CAPF(s) 101T should be retained and may be used for continued participation in a trainee status pending receipt of CAPF 101 showing addition of the appropriate specialty rating qualification.

d. The CAPF 101 card identifies specialties or functions in which CAP members are qualified to participate during operational missions. The wing commander or his/her designee(s) (except for the general ES rating) initially issues a CAPF 101, *Specialty Qualification Card*, to personnel who satisfactorily complete all training and evaluation requirements specified for the requested specialty rating listed in this chapter. General ES 101 cards will be issued by the unit commander or his/her designee(s) upon completion of the requirements for the specialty and copies of the documentation forwarded to the wing. Specialty ratings on CAPF 101 remain valid through the last day of the 24th month from the date issued. Authority to issue